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SUBJECT: BRANDT LASHES OUT AGAINST JUSOS

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1. CHANCELLOR BRANDT, IN A SHARPLY WORDED ATTACK ON THE SUPPORT OF RECENT WILDCAT STRIKES, HAS MADE CLEAR THAT THE JUSOS OVERSTEPPED THE BOUNDS OF TOLERABLE INTRA-PARTY DISSENT. SPEAKING AT THE SPD PRESIDIUM MEETING SEPT. 4, BRANDT BRANDED THE JUSOS' POSITION AS "DETRIMENTAL TO THE SPD AND A STRAIN ON THE NECESSARY SOLIDARITY WITH THE TRADE UNIONS."

2. BRANDT'S WIDELY PUBLICIZED STATEMENT FOLLOWS HIS AUGUST 31 SPEECH IN STADTHAGEN IN WHICH HE VOWED THAT "THE SPD WILL NOT LET ITSELF BE PUSHED INTO A HALF-COMMUNIST CORNER, NOT EVEN BY OVER ZEALOUS ELEMENTS IN ITS OWN RANKS." SIMILAR REMARKS BY OTHER SPD LEADERS, INCLUDING HELMUT SCHMIDT, BOERNER, VOGEL, AND DGB CHAIRMAN VETTER CONFIRM RECENT PREDICTIONS THAT ANOTHER "CONFRONTATION" IS BUILDING UP (REFTEL).

3. JUSOS' SYMPATHY FOR AND SUSPECTED ROLE IN INSTIGATION OF WILDCAT STRIKES WERE WIDELY KNOWN, BUT THE
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OFFICIAL POSITION TAKEN BY THE JUSOS CENTRAL COMMITTEE
CHARACTERIZING WILDCAT STRIKES AS "A LEGITIMATE

MEASURE" WAS A CLEAR PROVOCATION ALMOST GUARANTEED TO
EVOKE A STRONG REACTION FROM THE SPD LEADERSHIP. BRANDT
IS EXPECTED TO TAKE A FIRM LINE AGAIN AT AN SPD
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING SEPT 10 AND ON OCCASION
COMMEMORATING OTTO WEL'S 100TH BIRTHDAY SEPT 15.
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